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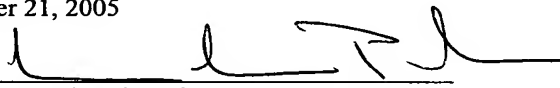
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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (a)**

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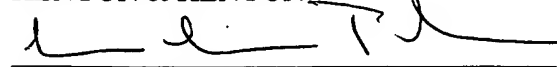
Enclosed herewith is an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2004 for filing in the above-identified patent application.

Applicants hereby request a **three-month extension of time** for responding to the Office Action of April 21, 2005 for which a three month response period, expiring on July 21, 2005, was set. The three-month extended period for response expires on October 21, 2005. Please charge the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) three-month extension fee of **\$510.00** and any other fee that may be required to deposit account number **11-0600**. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for charging purposes.

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